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SUBJ: MEETING OF PREPARATORY COMMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL FUND  
FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

FODAG

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1. WE ARE CONCERNED BY INDICATION IN CLOSING PARAGRAPH OF REFTEL THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT MAY BE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF AZIZ' HEADING IFAD INTERIM SECRETARIAT. HE HAS GIVEN US DIFFICULTY IN IFAD NEGOTIATIONS, MOST POINTEDLY IN PLENIPOTENTIARY MEETING ON QUESTION OF \$1 BILLION LEVEL OF FUND. HE HAS ALSO BEEN DIFFICULT FOR US TO DEAL WITH IN HIS WORLD FOOD COUNCIL ROLE AS WELL AS FOR DR. HANNAH, PRESSING FOR OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL AS WELL AS PUSHING HIS OWN CANDIDACY FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SISCO GAVE US CLEAR INDICATION THAT HE WAS NOT AT ALL FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY AZIZ. AZIZ' STRONGEST ABILITIES SEEM TO BE IN VOCALIZING LDC AGRICULTURAL DILEMMA AND THEORIZING ON FAIRLY RADICAL, DIRIGISTE SOLUTIONS WHICH WOULD NOT SEEM THE NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS FOR INTERIM SECRETARY OF A TECHNICAL FUNDING ORGANIZATION.

2. QUITE APART FROM OUR OWN ASSESSMENT OF HIS PERFORMANCE, THERE MAY BE SENSITIVITIES ON THE PART OF  
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SHIHATA OF KUWAIT, FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL SAOUMA, AND

OTHER LEADERS OF CATEGORY II, AND A NEW FACTOR HAS  
ARISEN IN THE REPLACEMENT OF CAMARA OF GUINEA BY RODRIGO  
OF SRI LANKA AS HEAD OF GROUP 77 IN ROME, WHICH IS  
UNDERTAKING TO ACT FOR BOTH CATEGORY II AND III. SOUTH  
ASIAN AFFINITIES MAY BE OF VALUE TO AZIZ AND HIS AMBI-  
TIONS, BUT THIS REMAINS TO BE SEEN. OUR OWN INCLINA-  
TION IS THAT WE SHOULD NEITHER INITIATE NOR LEAD  
SUPPORT OF AZIZ AS INTERIM SECRETARY OF IFAD.

3. AZIZ HIMSELF LATE LAST WEEK AND AGAIN TODAY TOLD  
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE THAT HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE WISE TO  
CONTINUE TO VEST SECRETARIAT ROLE IN WORLD FOOD COUNCIL -  
THIS ON BASIS THAT IT SEEMED UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL  
ARRIVE AT THE \$1 BILLION LEVEL BY THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER  
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